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Foreign Minister Toriello released at press conference today text of telegram he had sent Honduran Foreign Office June 17 re present crisis. In telegram he made following points:

1. On June 15, Guatemalan Ambassador requested interview with President Galvez and Foreign Minister to request the concentration of Guatemalan exiles headed by Castillo Armas who are continuing open subversive activities against Guatemalan Government and have gone to frontier to invade Guatemalan territory.

2. On June 17 not having been received by President Galvez, Guatemalan Ambassador was cordially received by the Honduran Foreign Minister and requested that Honduran authorities take "a most energetic and immediate measure to impede subversive activities and violation of Guatemalan frontier."

3. Despite assurances of Honduran Foreign Minister given in name of his Government, Guatemalan Government is aware that Guatemalan exiles led by Castillo Armas have mobilized within Honduran territory near Guatemalan frontier and are supplied and financed by known foreign interests with purpose of an attempt against Guatemalan territory to invade this republic, menacing security of democratic institutions and seeking re-establishment of tyranny.

4. In view of reports in hands of this Government and with purpose of preventing exiles who conspire against it from provoking frontier incidents which could affect the good relations between two governments, he begged urgently that Honduran Government concentrate these exiles whose aggressive purposes are evident and disarm them in accordance with general rules of international law and in harmony with fraternal relations existing between the two countries.

He repeated to Honduran Foreign Minister that Guatemalan Government is determined to "maintain inviolable its policy for the strengthening of cordial friendship and fullest collaboration with Honduran Government, guaranteeing once more that Guatemalan Army and people can never menace territory and security of [illegible] Honduran state or any other National.

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